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SOVIET BRIGADE ACTIVITY IN CUBA (S)

1. (S/D) Increased training activity was observed [] at Santiago de las Vegas Military Camp 2 [] the home garrison of the Soviet brigade in Cuba. The first evidence of SA-9 training in Cuba was seen on that date, and a brigade-level signal exercise was underway (Figure 1). The Soviet brigade is currently in the final month of the garrison training phase of its spring training cycle.¹ The inclusion of SA-9s in this training phase suggests that the Soviets plan to fully integrate SA-9s into the brigade in Cuba.

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2. (S/D) Two SA-9 transporter-erector-launchers (TELs) were involved in a training exercise with six ZSU-23/4 self-propelled antiaircraft (SPAA) guns in a clearing just east of the BMP (armored personnel carrier)-equipped motorized rifle battalion area (Figure 2). The SA-9 was first identified in Cuba [] when one TEL was seen on static display at this military camp. Additionally, [] what appeared to be five, possibly six, SA-9 TELs were parked in a grove of trees adjacent to eight canvas-covered ZSU-23/4 SPAA guns in their vehicle park.

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3. (S/D) The brigade-level signal exercise was underway on the soccer field, where four van-bodied trucks—one R-118BM-3, two R-405 (old version), and one probable R-140 with an adjacent antenna mast—were seen []. Other equipment observed included four BM-21 multiple rocket launchers (MRLs; Figure 1) and six T-62 medium tanks, two MAZ-537 prime movers, and three 60-ton trailers (not annotated on graphic).

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1. NPIC. [] AR-0079/80, *Soviet Brigade Training Cycle, Cuba (S)*, May 80 (TOP SECRET CODEWORDS [])

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